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Applicant: Curtis Gregory Kelsay Examiner: Kevin D. Williams
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AND OPTICAL DATA PORT

RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION MAILED 12/04/2001

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

These Remarks are in reply to the Communication mailed on December 4, 2001 requiring Applicant to file a statement of the substance of the November 19, 2001 interview between Applicant's representative, Scott A. Lund, and Examiner Kevin D. Williams. As Applicant has already filed a reply to the last Office Action mailed on September 25, 2001, Applicant is filing these Remarks within one month of the date of the interview. Please supplement the Remarks submitted in the Amendment and Response filed on November 21, 2001 as follows:

SUPPLEMENTAL REMARKS

Applicant submits that the prior statement of the substance of the interview provided with the formal written reply to the last Office Action was a *bona fide* attempt to summarize the substance of the interview and advance the application. Accordingly, Applicant has included the prior statement and, however, provided a fuller description of the substance of the interview.

Telephonic Examiner Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative, Scott A. Lund, during a telephonic interview conducted on November 19, 2001 during which the Examiner's interpretation and Applicant's understanding of the Kim U.S. Patent No. 6,128,117 was discussed, during which the above-amendments to the claims

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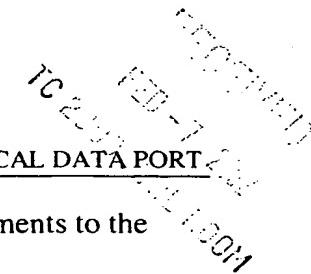
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were discussed, and during which the Examiner agreed that the above-amendments to the claims overcome the art of record.

More specifically, with respect to independent claims 20, 28, and 34, Applicant's representative discussed and, therefore, amended independent claims 20, 28, and 34 to clarify that the optical transducer is adapted to transmit and receive information optically. In addition, with respect to independent claim 20, Applicant's representative discussed and, therefore, amended independent claim 20 to clarify that the transmit light pipe is adapted to optically transmit information optically transmitted by the optical transducer from the optical transducer to the optical data port and that the receive light pipe is adapted to optically receive information via the optical data port and optically transmit the received information to the optical transducer. Furthermore, with respect to independent claim 28, Applicant's representative discussed and, therefore, amended independent claim 28 to clarify that the method of optically coupling the optical transducer with the optical data port includes optically transmitting the received light rays to the optical transducer from the second end of the receive light pipe.

Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed and agreed that the above-amendments to the claims overcome the art of record, namely the Kim patent, since the infrared controller 34 of the Kim patent receives electrical signals from infrared transceiver 50 via data signal lines 54 and 56 and, therefore, does not constitute an optical transducer adapted to transmit and receive information optically, as claimed in independent claims 20, 28, and 34. Accordingly, applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed and agreed that the Kim patent does not teach a device adapted to optically exchange information between an optical transducer and an optical data port.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 20-39 are all in condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
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